

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005 and further responds to the Advisory Action mailed January 26, 2006.

Claim 19 is amended and no claims are canceled or added; as a result, claims 1-30 remain pending in this application.

Claim 19 Amendment

Claim 19 is amended to correct a typographical error regarding claim dependency. Claim 19 was previously dependent upon itself. Claim 19 is corrected to depend from independent claim 11.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Hekmatpour (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/01569292)(hereinafter “Hekmatpour”).

Applicant incorporates by reference the previous arguments made regarding Hekmatpour. Nevertheless, Applicant has also included a 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 declaration herewith to antedate Hekmatpour.

The 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 declaration, included herewith, provides evidence of conception and actual reduction to practice prior to the April 23, 2001 effective date of Hekmatpour. The Rule 131 declaration also provides evidence of diligence to the filing date of the present application. Applicant respectfully request consideration of the Rule 131 declaration and removal of Hekmatpour from consideration.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-20 are patentable and allowance of the claims is earnestly requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 21-30 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for allowance of these claims.

Documents Cited but not Relied Upon for this Office Action

Applicant need not respond to the assertion of pertinence stated for the references cited but not relied upon by the Office Action since these references are not made part of the rejections in this Office Action. Applicant is expressly not admitting to this assertion and reserves the right to address the assertion should it form part of future rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6912 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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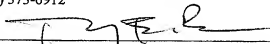
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